

The program's origin was rooted in Oklahoma in the late 1940s and early 1950s, when Oscar Rose, superintendent of the Mid-Del Schools and others convinced Congress that the Federal Government had a responsibility and an obligation to provide assistance to school districts serving children whose parents were employed by the Federal Government or the military. Ed Hennessee continued that legacy right up to the time of his death this morning.

During his long education career, Ed received many honors, including being named the State of Oklahoma Teacher of the Year.

However, he was most proud of the fact that he was helping children.

He truly understood that education is about giving children an opportunity to be successful. One of his most frequent statements was "Teach a child to love to learn, then you will be successful teaching them any school subject." Ed was a success because he loved learning.

He also loved helping others have the opportunity to learn, and, thankfully, he taught many the importance of using their gifts and talents to help our children. Although he retired from the Lawton Public Schools in the mid-1990s, he continued serving federally connected schools. As executive director of the National Council of Impacted Schools, he continued to work for both Oklahoma federally connected schools, along with other schools throughout the nation.

He visited my office at least twice a year to talk about ways to improve the program. He was an expert on the intricacies of the often complex and confusing details of Impact Aid and freely offered that expertise. When my staff or I needed information about how schools in Oklahoma and around the country would be affected by the level of funding appropriated for Impact Aid, Ed knew the answers. He was an innovator for Impact Aid.

For example, S. 777 was a bill I developed from one of his ideas. Ed was in Washington this weekend to advocate for the Impact Aid program when he became ill. He was doing what he had been doing for more than a quarter of a century—asking Congress to fulfill its obligation to school districts all across this country that are impacted by a federal presence.

Prior to Ed's retirement, he served on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools and served as its President from 1991 to 1993. He never stopped putting the needs of federally connected students at the top of his priority list. His presence will indeed be missed—not only by those who knew him well, such as his dear wife Edna who was always by his side—but also by those who enjoy the fruits of his labor.●

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS EXCELLENCE H.E. BADER OMAR AL-DAFA, AMBASSADOR OF QATAR TO THE UNITED STATES

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to recognize Ambassador H.E. Bader Omar Al-Dafa, a distinguished career diplomat and the current Ambassador of Qatar to the United States. Ambassador Al-Dafa, who earned his bachelor's degree in political science from Western Michigan University in 1975, will receive the College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Achievement Award from Western Michigan University in a special ceremony on October 15, 2004.

Ambassador Al-Dafa is admired in Michigan for his dedication to service and his work in promoting US-Arab relations. His efforts to foster better understanding among America, Qatar and the Arab world through support of important initiatives in the American Arab community are appreciated by many. His respect for diplomacy has been demonstrated throughout his exemplary career which spans more than 25 years.

Upon graduation from Western Michigan University, Ambassador Al-Dafa began his career as a diplomatic attaché at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Doha. While serving in his second assignment as First Secretary at the Embassy of the State of Qatar in Washington, DC, he earned a master's degree in international public policy from the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University in 1979. With his solid understanding of America and its people, Ambassador Al-Dafa has been energetic and consistent in his commitment to improving bilateral relations.

Ambassador Al-Dafa has served in his post as Ambassador of Qatar to the United States since September 5, 2000. Prior to this assignment, he served as Non-Resident Ambassador to Mexico; Director of European and American Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Qatar; Ambassador to The Russian Federation; Non Resident Ambassador to Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia; Ambassador to France and Non Resident Ambassador to Greece; Non-Resident Ambassador to Switzerland; Ambassador to Egypt and Permanent Representative to the Arab League in Cairo, Egypt; and Ambassador to Spain. Through the Washington Embassy, Ambassador Al-Dafa has worked on a wide array of programs, including the establishment of branches of Virginia Commonwealth University, Texas A&M, and Weill Cornell Medical College in Education City in Doha. In addition to Arabic and English, he speaks Spanish and French fluently. Ambassador Al-Dafa is married to Awatef Mohamed Al-Dafa and has three children.

I know my colleagues join me in congratulating Ambassador Al-Dafa on his success and achievements in international affairs and on this prestigious honor that will be conferred by West-

ern Michigan University. I am pleased to offer my best wishes on his continued service and contribution to the close ties and good relations between the State of Qatar and the United States.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 10:33 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

S.J. Res. 41. Joint resolution commemorating the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian.

H.R. 1308. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for working families, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3389. An act to amend the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 to permit Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Awards to be made to nonprofit organizations.

The enrolled bills and joint resolution were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 1:52 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment:

S. 643. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, in cooperation with the University of New Mexico, to construct and occupy a portion of the Hibben Center for Archaeological Research at the University of New Mexico, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to the request of September 14, 2004, the House returned the act (S. 2261) to expand certain preferential trade treatment for Haiti to the Senate.

The message further announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4200) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year for Armed Forces, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. HUNTER, WELDON of Pennsylvania, HEFLEY, SAXTON, MCHUGH, EVERETT, BARTLETT of Maryland, MCKEON, THORNBERRY, HOSTETTLER, JONES of North Carolina, RYUN of Kansas, GIBBONS, HAYES, Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico, Messrs. CALVERT, SIMMONS, SKELTON, SPRATT, ORTIZ, EVANS, TAYLOR of Mississippi, ABERCROMBIE, MEEHAN, REYES, SNYDER, TURNER of

Texas, SMITH of Washington, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, and Mr. HILL.

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of matters within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 11 of rule X: Messrs. HOEKSTRA, LAHOOD, and Ms. HARMAN.

From the Committee on Agriculture, for consideration of section 1076 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. GOODLATTE, BURNS, and STENHOLM.

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of sections 590, 595, 596, 904, and 3135 of the House bill, and sections 351, 352, 532, 533, 707, 868, 1079, 3143, and 3151-3157 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. CASTLE, SAM JOHNSON of Texas, and BISHOP of New York.

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of sections 596, 601, 3111, 3131, 3133, and 3201 of the House bill, and sections 321-323, 716, 720, 1084-1089, 1091, 2833, 3116, 3119, 3141, 3142, 3145, 3201, and 3503 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. BARTON of Texas, UPTON, and DINGELL.

From the Committee on Government Reform, for consideration of sections 801, 806, 807, 825, 1061, 1101-1104, 2833, 2842, 2843 of the House bill, and sections 801, 805, 832, 851, 852, 869, 870, 1034, 1059B, 1091, 1101, 1103-1107, 1110, 2823, 2824, 2833, and 3121 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, SHAYS, and WAXMAN.

From the Committee on House Administration, for consideration of sections 572 and 1065 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. NEY, EHLERS, and LARSON of Connecticut.

From the Committee on International Relations, for consideration of sections 811, 1013, 1031, 1212, 1215, title XIII, sections 1401-1405, 1411, 1412, 1421, and 1422 of the House bill, and sections 1014, 1051-1053, 1058, 1059A, 1059B, 1070, title XII, sections 3131 and 3132 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. HYDE, LEACH, and LANTOS.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of sections 551, 573, 616, 652, 825, 1075, 1078, 1105, 2833, 2842, and 2843 of the House bill, and sections 620, 842, 1063, 1068, 1074, 1080-1082, 1101, 1106, 1107, 2821, 2823, 2824, 3143, 3146, 3151-3157, 3401-3410 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. SENSENBRENNER, SMITH of Texas, and CONYERS.

From the Committee on Resources, for consideration of sections 601 and 2834 of the House bill, and section 1076 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. POMBO, WALDEN of Oregon, and INSLEE.

From the Committee on Science, for consideration of section 596 of the House bill, and sections 1034, 1092, and

title XXXV of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. BOEHLERT, SMITH of Michigan, and GORDON.

From the Committee on Small Business, for consideration of sections 807 and 3601 of the House bill, and sections 805, 822, 823, 912, and 1083 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. MANZULLO, Mrs. KELLY, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of sections 555, 558, 596, 601, 905, 1051, 1063, 1072, and 3502 of the House bill, and sections 321, 323, 325, 717, 1066, 1076, 1091, 2828, 2833-2836, and title XXXV of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. YOUNG of Alaska, DUNCAN, and CAPUANO.

From the Committee on Veterans Affairs, for consideration of sections 2810 and 2831 of the House bill, and sections 642, 2821, and 2823 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. SMITH of New Jersey, BROWN of South Carolina, and MICHAUD.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of section 585 of the House bill, and section 653 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. SHAW, CAMP, and RANGEL.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1537. An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the New Hope Cemetery Association certain land in the State of Arkansas for use as a cemetery.

S. 1687. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the preservation and interpretation of the historic sites of the Manhattan Project for potential inclusion in the National Park System.

S. 1778. An act to authorize a land conveyance between the United States and the City of Craig, Alaska, and for other purposes.

S. 2052. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de los Tejas as a National Historic Trail.

S. 2180. An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange certain lands in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado.

S. 2363. An act to revise and extend the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

S. 2508. An act to redesignate the Ridges Basin Reservoir, Colorado, as Lake Nighthorse.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2941. An act to correct the south boundary of the Colorado River Indian Reservation in Arizona, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3210. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a water resource feasibility study for the Little Butte Bear Creek Subbasins in Oregon.

H.R. 3247. An act to provide consistent enforcement authority to the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Forest Service to respond to violations of regulations regarding the management, use, and protection of public lands under the

jurisdiction of these agencies, to clarify the purposes for which collected fines may be used, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3479. An act to provide for the control and eradication of the brown tree snake on the island of Guam and the prevention of the introduction of the brown tree snake to other areas of the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3597. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study on the Alder Creek water storage and conservation project in El Dorado County, California, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3954. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to resolve boundary discrepancies in San Diego County, California, arising from an erroneous survey conducted by a government contractor in 1881 that resulted in overlapping boundaries for certain lands, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4046. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 555 West 180th Street in New York, New York, as the "Sergeant Riayan A. Tejada Post Office".

H.R. 4066. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain land to the United States and to revise the boundary of Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Oklahoma, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4077. An act to enhance criminal enforcement of the copyright laws, to educate the public about the application of copyright law to the Internet, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4319. An act to complete the codification of title 46, United States Code, "Shipping," as positive law.

H.R. 4469. An act to authorize appropriations to the Secretary of the Interior for the restoration of the Angel Island Immigration Station in the State of California.

H.R. 4579. An act to modify the boundary of the Harry S Truman National Historic Site in the State of Missouri, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4596. An act to amend Public Law 97-435 to extend the authorization for the Secretary of the Interior to release certain conditions contained in a patent concerning certain land conveyed by the United States to Eastern Washington University until December 31, 2009.

H.R. 4606. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and in coordination with other Federal, State, and local government agencies, to participate in the funding and implementation of a balanced, long-term groundwater remediation program in California, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4617. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out certain land exchanges involving small parcels of National Forest System land in the Tahoe National Forest in the State of California, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4657. An act to amend the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 to improve the administration of Federal pension benefit payments for District of Columbia teachers, police officers, and fire fighters, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4683. An act to enhance the preservation and interpretation of the Gullah Geechee cultural heritage, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4808. An act to provide for a land exchange involving private land and Bureau of Land Management land in the vicinity of Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, for the purpose of removing private land from the required safety zone surrounding munitions storage bunkers at Holloman Air Force Base.

H.R. 4827. An act to amend the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area and

Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness Act of 2000 to rename the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area as the McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area.

H.R. 4838. An act to establish a Healthy Forest Youth Conservation Corps to provide a means by which young adults can carry out rehabilitation and enhancement projects to prevent fire and suppress fires, rehabilitate public land affected or altered by fires, and provide disaster relief, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5009. An act to extend water contracts between the United States and specific irrigation districts and the City of Helena in Montana, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5016. An act to extend the water service contract for the Ainsworth Unit, Sandhills Division, Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, Nebraska.

H.R. 5025. An act making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5027. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 411 Midway Avenue in Mascotte, Florida, as the "Specialist Eric Ramirez Post Office".

H.R. 5133. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11110 Sunset Hills Road in Reston, Virginia, as the "Martha Pennino Post Office Building."

H.R. 5147. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 23055 Sherman Way in West Hills, California, as the "Evan Asa Ashcraft Post Office Building".

H.J. Res. 102. Joint resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Peleliu and the end of Imperial Japanese control of Palau during World War II and urging the Secretary of the Interior to work to protect the historic sites of the Peleliu Battlefield National Historic Landmark and to establish commemorative programs honoring the Americans who fought there.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 461. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the importance of life insurance, and recognizing and supporting National Life Insurance Awareness Month.

At 3:56 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 480. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 747 Broadway in Albany, New York, as the "United States Postal Service Henry Johnson Annex".

H.R. 5122. An act to amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to permit members of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance to serve for 2 terms.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution with an amendment.

S. Con. Res. 135. Concurrent resolution authorizing the printing of a commemorative document in memory of the late President of the United States, Ronald Wilson Reagan.

At 4:32 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 107. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2005, and for other purposes.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1084. An act to provide liability protection to nonprofit volunteer pilot organizations flying for public benefit and to the pilots and staff of such organizations.

H.R. 1787. An act to remove civil liability barriers that discourage the donation of fire equipment to volunteer fire companies.

S. 2852. A bill to provide assistance to Special Olympics to support expansion of Special Olympics and development of education programs and a Healthy Athletes Program, and for other purposes.

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 5025. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4066. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain land to the United States and to revise the boundary of Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Oklahoma, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2866. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture and the commodity Credit Corporation to enter into memorandums of understanding with a State regarding the collection of approved State commodity assessments on behalf of the State from the proceeds of marketing assistance loans.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, September 29, 2004, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled joint resolution:

S.J. Res. 41. Joint resolution commemorating the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-9492. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Columbus, NE Doc. No. 04-ACE-42" (RIN2120-AA66) received on September 28, 2004; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9493. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Urbana, OH Doc. No. 04-AGL-01" (RIN2120-AA66) received on September 28, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9494. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Georgetown, OH Doc. No. 04-AGL-02" (RIN2120-AA66) received on September 28, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9495. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Janesville, WI Doc. No. 04-AGL-07" (RIN2120-AA66) received on September 28, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9496. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Kalamazoo, MI Doc. No. 04-AGL-04" (RIN2120-AA66) received on September 28, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9497. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; South Haven, MI Doc. No. 04-AGL-05" (RIN2120-AA66) received on September 28, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9498. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class D Airspace; Rochester, MN; Modification of Class E Airspace; Rochester, MN Doc. No. 04-AGL-10" (RIN2120-AA66) received on September 28, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9499. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class D Airspace; Camp Douglas, WI Doc. No. 04-AGL-08" (RIN2120-AA66) received on September 28, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9500. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class D Airspace; Mount Clemens, MI Doc. No. 03-AGL-20" (RIN2120-AA66) received on September 28, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9501. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; King Salmon, AK Doc. No. 03-AAL-09" (RIN2120-AA66) received on September 28, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9502. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule